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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

FROM: Assistant Director, SI
Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Exchange of information in the field of atomic
energy

25X1 1. Reference is made to the Director's correspondence with [redacted] and the National Security Council in the field of exchange of atomic energy information. Reference is also made to my memorandum for the record dated 30 April 1951 and subsequent papers on this subject in the Director's file.

2. If signed by the President, it is our opinion that the attached legislation should enable us to accomplish our most important objective in the field of exchange of atomic energy intelligence which incorporates "Restricted Data". However, the mechanism for accomplishing the exchange provided in this legislation requires the unanimous approval of the Atomic Energy Commission, the recommendation of the National Security Council, and the finding by the President that each such arrangement would substantially promote and would not endanger the common defense and security. The mechanism also requires that before each arrangement is consummated by the Commission, the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy be fully informed for a period of 30 days in which Congress is in session. It should be noted that over and beyond the necessity of informing the Joint Congressional Committee on each broad proposal, the Atomic Energy Commission is in a position to veto any proposal originated by another agency, as they are charged initially with exercising, by unanimous agreement, all the safeguards which are prescribed by the legislation.

3. While the above procedure is cumbersome, it is better than nothing. The legislation is about as liberal as the Congress will provide. It is therefore requested that the Director approve the sending of the attached letter.

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WALTER L. FROST

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H. MARSHALL CHADWELL

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